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1. Spaak reluctant to accept permanent OEEC post--US Ambassador Kirk in Brussels reports that Belgian Prime Minister Spaak is reluctant to grant Ambassador Harriman's request that he accept the directorship of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC). Kirk concurs in Spaak's judgment that stable government in Belgium may be jeopardized by Spaak's withdrawal from the present coalition, since there is no other Belgian who could take his place. Kirk suggests that the US may have to review its relationship with OEEC and may have to accept more responsibility in settling long-range questions concerning the European recovery program.

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3. INDONESIA: Australia desires assurance of Dutch good faith--According to US Embassy Canberra, the Australian Government believes that Australia's influence with the Republic is the key to the solution of the Indonesian dilemma and is prepared to make

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a determined approach to the Republic if: (a) the US is able to bring about the immediate resumption of useful negotiations; and (b) if the Dutch demonstrate their good intentions by an immediate lifting of the blockade on the Republic. The Australians feel they cannot employ their influence with the Indonesians until there has been convincing evidence of Dutch good faith. The Government believes that unless there is a prospect of a Dutch-Indonesian agreement within the next week, there will be a strong anti-Dutch reaction among the Indonesians, followed by possible Dutch retaliatory police action.

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